



*Bringing the County Closer to You!*

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**May 17, 2013**

**Residents Invited to Participate in Live Online Discussion with County Executive Ike Leggett**  
**Tuesday, May 21 1:00pm-2:00pm**

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett will hold a “virtual” Town Hall Meeting and County residents will be able to ask questions of the County Executive before or during the chat at [Live Discussion with Ike Leggett](#). Questions and answers will be posted both during and after the chat.

For more information, call the Office of Public Information at 240-777-6507.

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**County Sponsors Free Older Driver Symposium and Mobility Resource Fair May 19**  
**Sunday, May 19 1200n – 4:00pm**  
**Rosborough Center at Asbury Methodist Village**  
**301 Odendhal Avenue, Gaithersburg**

Residents are invited to attend a free event, ***Driving and Beyond ...Symposium and Mobility Resource Fair for Older Adults and Their Families*** and learn more about how staying safe on the roads is important for drivers of all ages. There is a lot to learn about this issue—whether one is concerned about personal safety or that of family members and friends. Participants can explore a mobility fair of eighteen exhibitors offering information and resources. And several local experts will give talks –audience members can win prizes just for listening!

Key topics will include:

- Learning strategies for staying safe on the roads,
- Making informed choices about driving,
- Comfortably discussing mobility concerns with family members, and
- Discovering alternatives to driving in Montgomery County.

To register for this FREE event, call AARP at 1-877-926-8300 or go to <http://aarp.cvent.com/mddriversymposium>.

For more information, call Shawn Brennan, program manager for Senior Health Promotion, at 240-777-1350.

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***StartRight!* Women’s Business Plan Competition is Underway**

The [StartRight! Women's Business Plan Competition](#) is in the 10th year. The competition is designed to give new businesses a boost with cash prizes and publicity. In addition, the businesses have an opportunity for review and recommendations from an experienced panel of judges from area businesses, financial institutions, organizations, government agencies and colleges.

To get information of eligibility and the competition rules, click on the flyer icon below or visit the website at <http://www.marylandwbc.org/startright>.



2013 StartRight!  
Flyer.pdf

***The deadline for submitting the executive summary is June 5!***  
***The deadline for submitting the entire plan is June 14!***

If questions, contact:

Alicia S. McLeod, Business Counselor  
Maryland Women's Business Center  
95 Monroe Street, Rockville, MD 20850  
Phone: 301-315-8096  
Fax: 301-315-8097  
Email: [alicia@marylandwbc.org](mailto:alicia@marylandwbc.org)

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### **County Kicks Off “Be Active Montgomery!” Campaign**

**Saturday, June 8 10:00am – 2:00pm**  
**South Germantown Recreation Park**  
**18041 Central Park Circle, Boyds**

The County’s new “Be Active Montgomery!” outreach campaign -- aimed at promoting overall health and wellness through participation in healthy recreation and leisure activities – will kick off with a variety of special activities for all ages. Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett and County Council Vice president Craig Rice will join Montgomery Recreation, Montgomery Parks and Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) representatives at the kick off.

The free event will include the United Way Fun, Fly and Fit obstacle course; healthy food vendors; fitness walks; and interactive demonstrations such as Quick Start tennis, Zumba and golf clinics. Attendees who complete the fitness challenge will receive free admission to the Germantown Indoor Swim Center and the miniature golf course.

Montgomery County Recreation has worked collaboratively with community agencies that are dedicated to promoting health and wellness in the County. In addition to Montgomery Parks and MCPS, partners include United Way of the National Capital Area, Maryland Soccer Foundation and Montgomery TennisPlex.

For more information about the Be Active Montgomery! campaign, call 240-777-6821.

***Make the commitment to be healthy and stay active!***

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### **Public Hearing**

### **Montgomery County to Address First Major Rewrite of County Zoning Code Since 1978**

**Tuesday, June 11 7:30pm**  
**Council Office Building, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Hearing Room**  
**100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville**

*(This public hearing will allow testimony on the Goal to update all aspects of the regulations)*

On May 3, the Council received a proposed comprehensive rewrite of the code from the County’s Planning Board and the proposed draft completely restructures the current code. Most of the changes apply to non-residential (commercial, mixed-use and employment-related) zones. The public hearing will give residents the opportunity to discuss the desirability or undesirability of proposed allowable land uses in residential zones.

The full text of the proposed code and proposed zoning on property to implement the new code is available online at [www.zoningmontgomery.org](http://www.zoningmontgomery.org).

The Council authorized the ordinance changes in 2008 when it approved the Planning Board's work program with the following goals for the rewrite:

- Update the ordinance—all aspects of the document, from the number of districts to the number of processes outlined in various sections.
- Simplify all aspects of the document.
- Improve the organization of the document.
- Rationalize/update provisions to reflect the changing development climate with a greater emphasis on infill development.
- Create predictability in the standards as well as the format.
- Promote "green" land use policies.

The meeting will be televised live by County Cable Montgomery (CCM—Cable Channel 6 on Comcast and RCN, Channel 30 on Verizon) and can be viewed via streaming through the County web site at [www.montgomerycountymd.gov](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov).

**Those wishing to speak should call 240-777-7803.**

For more details on the proposed changes, visit  
[http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=9462](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=9462)

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### **Nominations Now Being Accepted for County's Annual Amateur Photography Competition**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Montgomery County Department of Transportation's (MCDOT)'s annual Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) **Amateur Photography competition!** Photos of County locations or residents are judged on effective composition, technique, originality, interest and relevance of the subject matter. Six categories include: **By Day, By Night, Landmarks, Her People, and At Work.** There is also a special **Youth** category for aspiring photographers, ages 18 and younger, who wish to be judged only against their peers. For more information, visit:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/KMCB/BAC.html>

*New and experienced photographers are welcomed! **Submissions are due by June 22!***

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### **Nominations Now Being Accepted for County's Annual Landscaping Contest**

The 27th annual **Landscaping Contest** is open to community groups, businesses (such as gas stations, grocery stores and other retail establishments), public institutions and other organizations (exp. Homeowner's Associations) undertaking landscaping projects that enhance the appearance of commonly-owned sections of commercial or residential properties in Montgomery County. Landscaping along County roadsides, medians, or other public locations is also eligible for the award. For more information, visit:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/Resources/Files/BAC/2013/2013LandscapingForm.pdf>

***Submissions are due by June 22!***



**\*\* Winners for both contests will be announced and presented a gift at the Beautification Awards Ceremony scheduled in mid-October. For more information, call Community Outreach at 240-777-7155 or send an email to [mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:mcdot.outreach@montgomerycountymd.gov).**

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**Public Invited to Comment on Plan to Improve Accessibility at Recreational Facilities and Parks**  
**Wednesday, June 12 6:30pm – 8:30pm**  
**Executive Office Building, Lobby Level Auditorium**  
**101 Monroe Street, Rockville**



Montgomery County's Commission on People with Disabilities and the County-Wide Recreation Advisory Board invite residents and community groups to attend a [public meeting](#) to help develop a multi-year plan to improve accessibility for people with disabilities at recreational and park facilities throughout the County.

The U.S. Department of Justice issued revised Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) regulations for state and local governments that went into effect in March 2012. Recreational facilities in Montgomery County affected by these regulations include swimming pools, recreation centers, whirlpools, saunas and exercise rooms operated by the Recreation Department, and parks, playgrounds, ball fields, campsites, picnic areas and other facilities operated by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

The public will be invited to provide input and ask questions. More details about the public meeting are available on the [website](#) which will be updated regularly with information on the multi-year plan.

American Sign Language interpreter services will be provided. The meeting room is equipped with an assistive listening system. Anyone needing other auxiliary aids and services to participate in this event should contact the County's ADA Compliance Office at least three business days in advance of the meeting. Call 240-777-6197, or TTY 240-777-6196 or email [adacompliance@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:adacompliance@montgomerycountymd.gov).

For more information about the public meeting or about ADA compliance issues, contact Nancy Greene in the County's Department of General Services at [nancy.greene@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:nancy.greene@montgomerycountymd.gov), or 240-777-6197; or Bob Green, ADA Compliance Project Manager for M-NCPPC Montgomery Parks at [bob.green@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:bob.green@montgomeryparks.org), or 301-495-2751.

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## **Leggett Attends Bill Signing of new Transportation Infrastructure Investment Act**

See press release: [http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR\\_details.asp?PrID=9486](http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PrID=9486)

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***June is National Caribbean American Heritage Month and County Executive Leggett calls on all residents to celebrate the achievements of our neighbors and friends from the Caribbean who are living/working in Montgomery County.***



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